Yesterday, Once More

June 2001 should be pretty exciting for the film trade, what with films like Lagaan scheduled for release. But how has June been down the years? A trip down memory lane — the joys and the sorrows, the highs and the lows, the excitement and the ecstasy of June through the last 30 years — all yours....

This Month Last Year!

– *Josh*

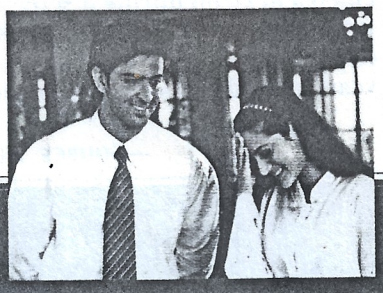
– *Refugee*

★ Last June saw the release of the Shah Rukh Khan starrer **Josh** and Abhishek-Kareena's debut film, **Refugee**. Both films might not have bombed but neither did they give any cause for celebration!

– *Hum Saath Saath Hain*

★ Salman Khan and others were chargesheeted by the forest department of Rajasthan on the 17th for allegedly hunting protected animals in Jodhpur (in October 1998) during the shooting stint of Rajshri's **Hum Saath Saath Hain.**

★ June jubilee! The film that launched a sensation, Rakesh Roshan's **Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai** entered its silver jubilee week in 80 cinema halls all over India on the 30th.



– *Kaho Na... Pyaar Hai*

June 1975

★ If you thought national awards and controversies are a new phenomenon, think again! Way back in June 1975, the All India Film Producers' Council decided to boycott all future competitions for the national awards. Reason: The division of cinema into art and popular films defeated the primary purpose for which the awards had been instituted. Not much has changed since, has it?

June 1985

– *Ram Teri Ganga Maili*

★ It was in June 1985 that Raj Kapoor was admitted to the Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York for suspected lung cancer. He was later declared to be out of danger. Meanwhile, the mixing of **Ram Teri Ganga Maili** was completed in the same month.

★ In the same month Subhash Ghai's **Hero**, which launched the career of Jackie Shroff, entered its 75th week (Platinum Jubilee) at Padmalaya, Madras. A record for Hindi films in Madras.

June 1987

★ June and Jackie seem to go together... Two Junes after the platinum jubilee of Jackie's **Hero**, the hero got married to Ayesha Dutt in Bombay on the 5th. Godfather Ghai and his wife performed the **kanyadaan**. Later, Subhash Ghai, in his inimitably grand style, hosted a cocktail-dinner party to celebrate the marriage.

June 1988

★ After battling death for an entire month in the intensive care unit of the All India Institute of

Medical Sciences, Delhi, Raj Kapoor finally succumbed on June 2. His body was taken to his Deonar cottage in Bombay where thousands paid their last respects. Randhir Kapoor lit the pyre amidst the chanting of vedic mantras.

June 1990

★ Classmates of Aamir Khan's wife, Reena, at a computer course at Apple in Bombay, had set their hearts on seeing the Aamir-starrer **Dil** on the opening day, June 22. Their hearts just sank when the professor scheduled a test for June 23. Fervent pleas to the professor made his heart melt and he postponed the exam by two days. Needless to add, everyone got to see the film on the appointed date.

★ Coming as it does at the fag end summer, the month of June often witnesses angry outbursts. A sample: "I would rather make a film with my spot boy Jagan as its hero but never will I repeat the mistake of signing Vinod Khanna again. Not even if someone were to give me a crore for making a film with Vinod.... I love my family and I don't want to commit suicide by signing Vinod. Yes, any producer who signs Vinod Khanna is inviting trouble, he is taking the first step towards suicide! I want to put up banners and hoardings all over Bombay city, declaring how I've been tortured, troubled, humiliated by Vinod Khanna. At least then, no producer would make the mistake of signing him.... I must have been the last word in hypocrisy. Because, in spite of hating Vinod Khanna from the core of my heart, I used to call him "Brother" during the 23 months of making **Jurm**. Nobody must be a bigger hypocrite than me!"

— producer Mukesh Bhatt after completing **Jurm** starring Vinod Khanna.

June 1991

– *Bekhudi*

★ June discovery Kajol went places within a short time of being launched by producer-director Rahul Rawail in **Bekhudi**. She was paired opposite another upcoming hero of that time, Saif Ali Khan. Ultimately, of course, her co-star was then newcomer Kamal Sadanah.

★ It was in June 1991 that noted film producer and director Raj Khosla breathed his last in Bombay. His better-known films include **C.I.D**, **Woh Kaun Thi?**, **Mera Gaon Mera Desh** and **Main Tulsi Tere Angan Ki**.

Top 10 Songs Of June 1974

1.	**'Jai jai shiv shankar'**	- Aap Ki Kasam
2.	**'Main shair to nahin'**	- Bobby
3.	**'Gaadi bula rahi hai'**	- Dost
4.	**'Rafta rafta'**	- Kahani Kismat Ki
5.	**'Main shair badnaam'**	- Namak Haraam
6.	**'Goya ke chunanche'**	- Manoranjan
7.	**'Yaadon ki baraat'**	- Yaadon Ki Baraat
8.	**'Ek daal par tota'**	- Chor Machaye Shor
9.	**'Raaz ki baat'**	- Dharma
10.	**'Gham ka fasana'**	- Manchali

June 1992

★ Filmmaker Manmohan Desai and actress Nanda got engaged, on June 18 in Bombay. The marriage, unfortunately, could not take place as Manmohan Desai passed away before that.

June 1993

And how about this for a June joke?!

"**Roop Ki Rani...** made it to 'Time' magazine! Had it not bombed, a reputed magazine like 'Time' would never have written about it!"

– *Roop Ki Rani...*

— Anil Kapoor on the debacle of **Roop Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja** which was released on 16th April the same year.

June 1996

★ Rajshri Productions' **Hum Aapke Hain Koun...!** entered its 100th week on the 28th at Liberty, Bombay and several other cinemas of the country.

– *Hum Aapke Hain Kaun...?*

June 1997

★ June tragedy. A major fire broke out at Uphaar cinema in Delhi during a screening of **Border**, on Friday the 13th, killing almost 60 people. Over two hundred others were burnt and injured. Four years later, the case is still in court.

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